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SUBJECT: IMCO - SOLAS CONFERENCE

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1. DEPT DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION OR OBSERVERS AT SOLAS CONFERENCE. TO DO SO WOULD SET UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER CONFERENCES IN WHICH INVITATION LIST ESTABLISHED BY PARENT BODY. HOWEVER, IF VOTING SITUATION IS SUCH THAT ISSUE OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WILL INEVITABLY ARISE, FOLLOWING IS US POSITION ON INDIVIDUAL CASES.

2. DEPT WOULD NOT RPT NOT OPPOSE PARTICIPATION OR OBSERVER STATUS FOR NORTH VIETNAM OR NORTH KOREA SO LONG AS STATUS ACCORDED DOES NOT RPT NOT CONTRAVENE CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE. DEL SHOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY VOTE TO ADMIT EITHER.

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3. SHOULD SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG) BE PROPOSED FOR PARTICIPATION OR OBSERVER STATUS, US DEL SHOULD OPPOSE VIGOROUSLY AND CONSULT WITH OTHER FRIENDLY DELS ON BEST MEANS TO DETER OR DEFEAT SUCH PROPOSALS. PRG HAS NO ATTRIBUTES OF A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT, BEING SIMPLY AN EXTENSION OF GOVERNING APPARATUS OF NORTH VIETNAM, AND PREVENTING ENHANCEMENT OF ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE IS A PRIME POLITICAL INTEREST OF USG. WE RECOGNIZE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, A MEMBER OF 12 SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AS SOLE, LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT HAS NOT RPT NOT ALTERED OUR POSITION ON THIS IN ANY WAY. WE NOTE RVN NOT RPT NOT A MEMBER OF IMCO.

4. SHOULD CHALLENGE ARISE TO CREDENTIALS OF KHMER REPUBLIC, US DEL SHOULD CONSULT WITH IT AND OTHER FRIENDLY (PARTICULARLY ASIAN) DELS ON WAYS TO MEET THE CHALLENGE, AND WORK VIGOROUSLY TO DEFEAT IT. IF IT APPEARS WE DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT VOTES TO DEFEAT CHALLENGE OUTRIGHT, DEL SHOULD CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO DEFER ACTION OR TO HAVE CONFERENCE DECIDE TO TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS UNTIL GA HAS TAKEN A DECISION IN THIS RESPECT. US DOES NOT REGARD PRINCE SIHANOUK'S GRUNK AS HAVING ANY ATTRIBUTES OF A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT; IT IS MERE REGIME IN EXILE. POINT SHOULD ALSO BE MADE THAT KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE IS ON 29TH GA AGENDA; WORK OF IMCO CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED TO ENTERTAIN POLITICAL QUESTION WHICH UNGA ITSELF (PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH ISSUES) WILL CONSIDER SOON. OUTCOME OF KHMER ISSUE AT UN VITALLY IMPORTANT TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA, TO FUTURE OF UN, AND TO US, AND WILL BE CLOSE. WE ANXIOUS THAT CONFERENCE TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION WHICH WILL IMPACT HARMFULLY ON GA DEBATE.

5. PLO. WE HAVE GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF INVITING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (NLMS), OR ANY POLITICAL GROUP WHICH IS NOT A STATE, TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEVOTED TO TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. IN VIEW OF SPECIAL US ROLE IN ME NEGOTIATING PROCESS, DEPT WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW CAREFULLY EXACT TEXT
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OF ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLAS CONFERENCE BEFORE INSTRUCTING US DEL. FYI: IN MOST BUT NOT ALL CASES IN WHICH PLO OBSERVER STATUS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WAS PROPOSED, US ABSTAINED OR ACQUIESCED IN CONSENSUS FOR INVITATION TO NLMS RECOGNIZED BY REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIFIED CONFERENCES AS OBSERVERS.

PLO IS SOLE NLM RECOGNIZED BY ARAB LEAGUE WHILE OAU
RECOGNIZES 14 AFRICAN NLMS. US HAS CONSISTENTLY VOTED
AGAINST FORMULAS WHICH INVITE PLO BY NAME TO PARTICIPATE
IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES EXCEPT IN CASE OF UNGA
DEBATE ON UNRWA WHICH COVERS THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN
REFUGEES. END FYI.

6. REPORT ALL DEVELOPMENTS ABOVE ISSUES TO DEPT
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